

DR. FRANK ROYAL, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church in Abilene who was a speaker at a Hamlin gathering Tuesday evening, was relating a yarn about two country ginks who were drinking in the sights, sounds and smells of the big city. On their rounds, the parson said, they came to a well-curtailed building bearing a sign, "Crematorium." They advanced the theory that the place was a new style dairy plant, but to satisfy their curiosity, one of them agreed to go inside to investigate; the other went across the street and sat on the curb to watch developments. Pretty soon the inquisitive gink came bounding out of the place a double quick time. His partner asked why all the commotion. "Well," the other reported, "as entered I saw a little group here crying, and another group there weeping. I only asked one fellow over at the side. 'What's cookin'?'"

AN EXCHANGE coming to The Herald desk carries his little morsel:

A precocious five-year-old son of a professor asked his father what was the exact meaning of the verse beginning, "Jack Spratt could eat no fat." "In simple terms," said the professor, "it means Jack Spratt could assimilate no adipose tissue. His wife, on the contrary, possessed an aversion for the more muscular portions of the epithelium. And so, between them both, you see, they removed or did away with all the foreign substances from the surface of the utilitarian utensil, commonly called a platter. Does that make it clear, son?"

"Perfectly clear," replied the son. "The lack of lucidity in these alleged Mother Goose rhymes is amazingly apparent to one with an intellect above the moronic grade."

YOU JUST DON'T drop into the old PMA office any more. When you call it the Agriculture Stabilization Service.

FOXTAIL JOHNSON is the pen-name of a ghost writer in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers magazine, printed at San Angelo, who has some of the section's finest philosophy. Here are a few squibs from a recent column:

Marryn in haste is terrible hasty. He may look prettier'n a spotted haffer and still not be able to pick (k) cotton sack full in two days.

The Drygulch County Stockmen's Association has pulled down the standard reward offered for the arrest of rustlers. If this drouth don't break, and cattle prices keep on slidin', rewards will be offered to the rustlers.

Cowman is skeered of price supports because they might lead to controls. Huh! It'd be right enterta'nd to be around when somebody undertook to control a Texas cowman.

I take off for the thick meskeets when my grandchildren ask for help with their high school or grade school homework. But if the little ones ask for help with their kindergarten work, that's easy. I buy 'em ice cream.

SCIENTISTS tell us that kissing is just so much chemistry. It all had to do with a craving for salt. The caveman found that salt helped to cool him off in the summer heat. He found, too, that he could get salt by licking his neighbor's cheek. Also he found that it was a lot more fun if the neighbor was of the opposite sex.

Then everybody forgot about salt.

IT'S BEEN several years since The Herald first published the following pointed little poem. It deserves repeating:

I'd like to be a could-be
If I could not be an are;
For a could-be is a may-be
With a chance of reaching far.
I'd rather be a has-been
Than a might-have-been by far
For a might-have-been has never been.
But a has-been was an are!

A cold is both positive and negative. Some noses the eyes have it and sometimes the nose.



BACK WITH HUSBAND—Mrs. Naoma Crosswhite, 19, Clovis, New Mexico, holds hands with her husband, Zeno, shortly after her arraignment in Wichita Falls on a federal complaint of harboring a fugitive from justice. She left Clovis with Norman Davenport, object of a three-state manhunt centered at Wichita Falls, officers said. Davenport is wanted for escaping from the Oklahoma penitentiary where he was serving time for robbery and kidnapping.

Area Club Boys Prime Stock For Annual Show at Hamlin

\$2,000 in Prizes Will Be Posted for Exhibit Winners

Club boys of Jones County are priming their livestock for exhibition at the annual Club Boys' Livestock Show, which will be held this year at Hamlin. It was indicated this week in a check-up by The Herald.

The show, which each year is an outstanding display of project animals and fowls of members of the 4-H Club boys and girls and the Future Farmers of America of Jones County, is held alternately in the three major cities of the county—Anson, Stamford and Hamlin. This year's exhibition will be staged on February 20 at Hamlin.

Prizes totaling nearly \$2,000 will be posted by Chambers of Commerce and civic clubs of the county for winners in the one-day show.

County Agent Bill Lehmberg, VA Teachers T. C. Blankenship and Harold Eades of Hamlin and VA teachers of the other schools of the county are among sponsors of the annual show.

Hamlin Methodist Churches Take Part In Spiritual Life Emphasis Campaign

Hamlin's two Methodist churches and the others of the Stamford District will participate in the spiritual life emphasis connected with the church attendance crusade of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, it was announced this week by the pastors.

In preparation for the emphasis campaign, a retreat of pastors of the district was held at McMurry College in Abilene under the leadership of the district superintendent, Rev. Marshall Rhew of Stamford. Others in charge of specific phases of the program were Rev. H. Doyle Regie of Munday and Rev. S. Duane Bruce of Hamlin.

Designed to run from New Year's Eve until Easter, the program features two exchanges of pastors, lay visitation of the unchurched, and emphasis on the kinds of prayer and on holy habits.

Each church in the district, under the leadership of its local commission on membership and evangelism, is setting goals for church attendance derived from an actual count of attendance in November.

A watch night service is to be held in each church on the evening of December 31, and on the following Sunday morning, Janu-

Good Headway Being Made on Big New Gas Mains to Improve Service in Section

Good headway is being made by Vaughn Sears and his pipe line construction crew on the 36-mile Abilene-to-Stamford gas line that

Club Pancake Supper Recently Pass \$130 Receipts from Lions

Revised reports on the recent pancake supper staged by the Hamlin Lions Club showed that a net of \$130.50 had been reported, with still other ticket sellers to report, according to Treasurer Edgar Duncan. The report was made at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the civic group when it met at the oil mill guest house.

President C. C. Bailey also reported that other recent benefit programs staged by the club had recouped the club's project treasury considerably, including the exhibit of John Dillinger's car and the turkey shoot.

Guests at the Tuesday luncheon were T. E. Shelburne of Hermleigh and Jimmy Spencer, student at Texas Tech College.

will provide the area, including the Hamlin section served by the Lone Star Gas Company, with more dependable gas service.

The line was begun in mid-October. Digging and pipe-laying crews are now nearing Anson from the Abilene end of the line. The \$838,000 project, consisting of 12-inch pipe, will extend from the Abilene compressor station and connect with line U at Stamford.

Maximum capacity of the line will be 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas, with top pressure of 500 pounds at Abilene station and 400 pounds at the Stamford connection. Gas supply will come from Scurry and Runnels Counties and from Lone Star's new underground storage at View, south of Abilene and points in the Abilene-Sweetwater producing area.

The new line will strengthen supply for 19 towns in an eight-county area and will also supply gas for West Texas Utilities Company's new Paint Creek power plant near Haskell.

Construction headquarters for the project have been set up at Anson, and the work is being done by Lone Star crews assisted by local workmen from Abilene and Stamford areas.



REUNION—Mrs. Sam Jones of Lubbock was reunited with her son, Nick W. Woods of Houston, after 20 years on Christmas. Woods located his mother through a chance conversation followed by a long distance phone call. He is shown giving his mother a picture of her two-year-old granddaughter, whom she has never seen.

Post Office Force Back to Normal After Yule Rush

Clerks, carriers and officials at the Hamlin post office were about to get back to normal this week following the annual Christmas mail rush that had kept them "humping" for 10 days, declared Perry Sparks, postmaster, Tuesday.

Net gains for the three-month period of October, November and December (through December 28) at the Hamlin post office amounted to \$1,218.88 over those of the same 1952 period, Sparks said. He estimated, however, that actual cancellations for Christmas cards and related mail probably were a little below those of last year.

"Sales of two-cent stamps for Christmas cards this year were below those of 1952," Sparks declared, "but three-cent stamp sales showed a sizeable increase."

Stamp sales for the three fall months for 1953 and 1952 by months follow: October, \$2,187.30 and \$1,618.86 (a gain of \$568.44); November, \$2,147.08 and \$1,652.63 (a gain of \$494.45); December, \$3,940.63 and \$3,793.95 (a gain of \$146.68).

First Baptist Church Revival Set January 31

Date for the annual winter revival meeting of the First Baptist Church has been set for January 31 through February 7, it was announced this week by church leaders.

The new pastor of the church, Rev. Houston Walker, will do the preaching, and music will be directed by Harold Lewallen, regular musical director.

Services will be conducted at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day, with prayer services scheduled each evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Unknown Guest to Be In Methodist Pulpit

A guest preacher will be in the pulpit of the First Methodist Church Sunday morning, January 3, at 11:00 o'clock, announces Rev. S. Duane Bruce, pastor. No member of the congregation will know who the preacher for the morning will be until the hour of worship.

This is a part of the spiritual life mission which begins with a watch night service December 31. This secret exchange will bring a visiting preacher to every pulpit for the Stamford District.

Rev. Bruce will be preaching at another church in the district on that Sunday.

Babson Answers Four Questions on "What Will Eisenhower Do?"

Roger W. Babson, in connection with his forecast for 1954, has answered four questions on "What Will Eisenhower Do?"

1.—Is Eisenhower to take the advice of Assistant President Adams, representing certain Republican leaders, and turn to the left? Or, will he stick to his conservative election platform?

Answer: He will stick to his election platform.

2.—To put the question in a more practical way: Will 1954 be a year of reform and economic adjustment as promised by President Eisenhower, or will he give the country more inflation, and further play

Santa Claus to labor, farm, high tariff and other groups? Answer: He is learning that "economic reforms" must be gradual.

3.—Will he run the risk of losing Congress in 1954 and the election in 1956 for a matter of principle, as did Hoover in 1932? Or, will he succumb to the temptation of changing his policy with an attempt to "save his party?"

Answer: He will run the risk of losing Congress in 1954, and the chance to run again in 1956.

4.—Is a "middle-of-the-road" policy practical? Will it serve both groups or no group?

Answer: Yes, it is practical for working a gradual change, and it should serve both groups.

United Front to Help Avoid Slump In United States

I do not now believe in the theory of most economists—that business will fall off 10 per cent in 1954, with a greater decline in net earnings," declares Roger W. Babson, analyst and nationally known business economist, in his forecast for 1954, which follows in today's Hamlin Herald.

My feeling is that everyone will unite forces to hold up business, at least during the first half, to its approximate 1953 average. This can be done by expanding research, increasing advertising appropriations, extending further credits, and obtaining labor's cooperation.

But, I say something much more important than the above; namely, if business should slump 10 per cent, the decline would probably not stop at 10 per cent. Too many business concerns and individuals are working on a very narrow and slim margin. The decline in employment, with resulting business losses which a 10 per cent decline in gross would cause, could result in millions of families being unable to pay their bills and installment obligations. This could set off a chain reaction, which would send business down 10 to 30 per cent more, with a corresponding decline in the stock market, commodity prices and real estate. In this latter case, the Eisenhower administration would suffer as did the Hoover administration.

In view of this possible serious alternative, I have contacted the leading newspaper publishers as to the attitude of their respective communities. Of these, over 970 have replied as follows: The people of 30 communities are discouraged and want to liquidate; 297 communities are optimistic and want to buy and invest more; 643 are now content and in a strong position, but are waiting until they see how 1954 develops. Due to the results of this survey, I believe the chances are 10 to one that at least the first half of 1954 will be fairly good.

Below are 25 definite forecasts which, in any case, should prove correct for the first six months of 1954. My forecast for the second six months will appear in The Herald next June.

1. There will be no World War in the first half of 1954.

2. The Dow-Jones industrial

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Politics Starts Boil As First Announces

First political announcement in the ensuing election year came to The Herald this week from a county commissioner of North-eastern Fisher County as he seeks reelection.

The Herald has heard of several murmurings of political intentions in Jones County, and no doubt several candidates will lay

their names on the line within the next several days.

Numbers of county and precinct offices in the county will be open for election in the July primary, as well as many district and state offices.

Interest in the race for governor of Texas seems to hold the spotlight in state politics. Governor Allan Shivers probably will not run for re-election, inasmuch as a close friend and political ally, Reuben Senterfitt of San Saba, who is a state legislator and speaker of the house of representatives, has announced for the gubernatorial prize.

Congressman Omar Burleson of Anson has made no announcement of intention to run for reelection, but a Stephenville man, Bill Potter, has said he will seek the Congressional place.

Area Singers Invited To Singing at Pledger

Singers and song lovers of the Hamlin area are invited to attend the first Sunday singing of Fisher County, which will be staged Sunday at Pledger church.

Singing will get underway at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, according to Eddie Williams, president of the singing group.

15 Felony Cases To Be Investigated By Grand Jury

Three Hamlin men are members of the grand jury that will convene next Monday morning at Anson for the January term of the 104th District Court session.

Approximately 15 felony complaints will be investigated by the group, according to Bill Tippen of Abilene, district attorney. The complaints run from three burglaries and three forgeries and passing to four thefts, mostly of automobiles, and four second offense cases of driving while intoxicated, Tippen said.

The court session will run for seven weeks.

Members of the grand jury are: Roy Arledge, Ray Carlisle, R. D. Bandeen and Earl Cotton of Stamford; C. F. Simpson, Fred Horton and J. P. Towle of Hawley; Troy Sloan, Riley Sprayberry and H. O. Erwin of Route 2, Merkel; Edgar E. Duncan, E. J. Whaley and C. L. Howard of Hamlin; Virgil Strange, Earl McCaleb and Elzy Bennett of Anson.

Theo Johnson Named Deputy District High Priest of RAM Lodge

Appointment of W. T. (Theo) Johnson of Hamlin as deputy grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Masons for District 32 was revealed this week by Hamlin Masons.

Johnson, long time leader in Masonic work in the area, has been an official in the Hamlin R. A. M. lodge for several years. He also is a Shriner, a member of the Commandery and of the Scottish Rite 32nd degree group, one of the highest ranks for Masons. The appointment came from E. S. Winfree Jr., grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, who lives at Beaumont.

Johnson will be deputy for a wide West Texas area of RAM lodges, and part of his duties will be to make visits to scores of the chapters in this region during the ensuing year.

U. S. postage stamps were first placed on sale July 1, 1847.

Cotton Farmers Take New Hope for Acreage Adjustment as Leaders Meet

Cotton farmers of the Hamlin section, still smarting under the deep acreage cut-backs imposed by the recently voted cotton controls, found new hope this week that these acreages may be increased by Congress when it convenes next week.

An effort to speed approval by Congress for a larger cotton acreage this year was indicated this week by Senator Aiken of Vermont. Aiken, as chairman, has called the Senate agricultural committee into a closed-door session on January 6, the day Congress reassembles, to consider the acreages.

To continue price supports despite a surplus, cotton farmers recently approved planting and marketing controls. Voters of the Hamlin region okayed the plan by a vote of about 10 to one.

Acting under this vote and existing law, Secretary of Agriculture Benson has fixed the 1954 planting limit at 17,900,000 acres, a reduction of nearly 8,000,000. In Jones County the acreage would be cut from the approximate 160,000 acres planted in 1953 to 114,000. Farmers and others of the region have contended that the acreage allotments were not fair in view of the thousands of acres of cotton land that was not

planted or that was planted and failed to come up and be counted in view of the three-year drouth.

Benson has said that the 8,000,000 acreage was too drastic a cut-back, and declared he would support action increasing planting to about 21,000,000. Congressman Omar Burleson and others have pledged support of efforts to have the acreages increased.



Two new arrivals, a boy and a girl, are reported at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald. They are:

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Underwood, who arrived December 25 at 3:10 p. m. Weighing nine pounds at birth, the little lady has been named Linda Kay.

A boy for Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eugene Holden was born December 27 at 10:15 p. m. He has been named Ronald Gene. He tipped the scales at eight pounds on arrival.

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MOST NEWSPAPERS TELL THE TRUTH AS JOB

Whether one reads a country weekly or a metropolitan daily newspaper, it is still apparent that at no time in man's history is a free exchange of information more urgently needed than right at this moment at the midpoint of the twentieth century as we embark into the atomic age.

The small country weekly has as vital a mission in the life of American citizens as the newspaper that has a circulation and reading public in the millions.

We of the newspaper world are doing our best to keep America strong by telling the truth. However, we are finding our readers in a state of apathy in many respects. Why? The answer is pretty remote. It would take a great deal of space to analyze our feelings on the world situation.

But one thing is apparent. Freedom is something easily lost and not so easily won. We must continue to fight for our liberty. Our liberty requires eternal vigilance against encroachments of all kinds.

A truly free press is always in the forefront of those battles, but the press alone cannot court freedom to survive. It calls for an informed public which is ever-alert to threats

to its freedoms and ever-eager to fight for its rights.

History shows us that freedom is lost whenever a free press is lost. Would-be dictators cannot stand the full harsh glare of publicity—they cannot tolerate truth. The press is the first attacked, and once that is captured or made subservient other freedoms quickly fall and perish.

An "informed people" is one that has access to the necessary information in order to be able to form its own opinion and manage its own affairs.

An "informed press" is a free press, which continually strives to give its readers the truth—all the facts possible about issues which may affect the readers' present and future lives.

Let's face the hard facts: The American people will remain an informed people as long as they have a free press. And they will have a free press only as long as they want it, cherish it and fight for it against all encroachments.

Once they fail to do this, purposely or by default, they will have lost the keystone to all their liberties which then will disappear like snowflakes under a warm sun.

World Brotherhood

Down through the pages of history men have been at odds because of differences in possessions, prowess, physical characteristics and conditioning. Because of man's innate desire to survive he has sought to better his surroundings in accord with his likes and his security. The differences, inherently a part of man, have been the objectives that men have tried to improve. The whole record of mankind amply shows that these God-given differences have never been improved by conflict. The process of war, force, lynching and crusades have only tended to inculcate within men hatred and indifference.

Mankind has improved in science, and especially in methods of fathoming the processes of human thinking. The seat of human behavior rests not in the changes of the world, but in the hearts of mankind. There is ample proof that all mankind is good. There are fundamental desires and hopes that are common to all. Upon this basis all people must seek to build. Force rests in the intellect of the peoples of the world. World education and cooperation will bring brotherhood in cooperation with God-given capacities.

Brotherhood in equality, force, intelligence freedom and a common ground are elements which the human race is capable of bringing to pass—peace on earth, good will to all men.

Dangerous Preaching

A political spokesman has criticized out-of-state financing of electric power projects as something foreign which is inimical to the interests of the local community. This conception of the invested dollar is preposterous. When an undeveloped community seeks capital, it has to get outside money. But it does not lose its power to regulate and tax, regardless of whose dollar is financing the project.

A national power policy that encourages the growth of private industry in the electric field is not destroying the interests of the local community. Local government still has jurisdiction over private development. Furthermore, private utilities are owned by many thousands of investors who risk their money in the tools of production. The fact that individuals of one state put their savings in properties in another state is a blessing, not a menace in a free country.

In a nation built by private enterprise it is dangerous to preach that private investments originating in any part of the country are bad in any industry.

Spending Review Needed

The national administration is making progress in its program to restore to the states and local governments the powers usurped by the federal government during the past 20 years.

The program got underway last March when the president sent Congress a special message proposing a commission to seek out ways and means to achieve a "sounder relationship" between these governments. Growth of the federal government, he observed, has tended to blur the responsibilities of local government, and has led to duplication and waste.

Now Congress has passed the bills authorizing such a commission. The president has signed them. It is to be hoped that the commissioners will begin their task promptly. Federal spending has gone beyond what the economy can support indefinitely. It will never be checked until we "bring government back home."

Editorial of the Week

IT WOULDN'T BE HARD

Chains are too good for him . . . the guy who persists in flouting our laws by setting out poison to kill dogs, cats or any other type of animal that might happen upon the scene.

What's the solution? There isn't any. The chances are 1,000 to one against catching the person in the act of putting out poisoned food. Even if he were caught, few would think it wise to make the penalty stiff. "Oh, well," they'd say, "he probably did it in a fit of temper. After all, I've been mad enough at stray dogs and cats to poison some myself. Besides, maybe he wasn't intending to kill anyone's dog, anyway."

Maybe they're right. Perhaps the culprit wasn't trying to kill anyone's pet dog. Maybe it's impossible to measure the damage of a child's broken heart and transmit it into a fine or jail sentence. But what would have been their verdict if the child instead of the dog had bitten into the poisoned food? What if the child had died?

What if it had been one of the jurymen's child or the judge's child?

It's just like a dozen other kinds of safety precautions we preach every day. The action must come before the accident to do any good. After the price is paid it's too late.

And somehow it wouldn't be hard at all for us to send a person to jail who thinks in terms of setting out poison for any random animal to partake of—dog, cat or child.—The Morton Tribune.

RECALLING Other Years

★ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home Town Newspaper, The Herald . . .

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Among the goings-on of 20 years ago in the Hamlin community were the following, which were reproduced from the files of The Hamlin Herald dated January 5, 1934:

Van Huling announced the opening of the Dixie Battery and Repair Station, operated in connection with the Dixie Service Station.

Mrs. A. D. Kelly, formerly Fay LaRue, who now lives in Stamford, spent Christmas in Hamlin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. LaRue.

E. Earl Isbill, county statistician for Jones County, gives figures that show this county third in the state in cotton production. Totals for 1933 were \$6,863 for Jones County, led only by Ellis with \$9,710 and Hill with \$6,882.

Arice Jones, clerk at Bryant-Link Company, and Fern Sumrell of Eastland were married during the Christmas holidays at Walters, Oklahoma.

Babb Dry Goods Company was advertising outing at 10 cents a yard, ladies' bloomers at 25 cents and men's work shoes for \$1.88.

At the Ritz Theater Richard Dix was featured in "Day of Reckoning."

TWELVE YEARS AGO.

Among news events of 12 years ago in the Hamlin territory, as recorded in the files of The Herald dated January 2, 1942, were the following:

Because of the war, every precaution and conservation measure possible needs to be exercised to save our national rubber supply, according to a story on the front page.

Mrs. J. E. Moody was taken to the Abilene Hospital this week in a serious condition.

Mrs. V. R. Bond and others in the Hamlin community are sponsoring a dance Monday night at Pioneer Hall in Anson for benefit of the Red Cross.

Marvin York of Dallas came up to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. York, for the Christmas holidays. He is employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company.

Mrs. E. L. Boren, 37-year-old housewife of the Flat Top community, died Wednesday.

Rev. J. Henry Littleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announces dedication services of the church Sunday, on which final debt was paid recently.

Texas Highway Department is making arrangements to pave Rotan Avenue (West Lake Drive) as part of the highway from Hamlin to Rotan.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

Events of five years ago in the Hamlin area are recorded below, taken from the files of The Hamlin Herald dated January 7, 1949:

Two new registered nurses have been employed at Hamlin Memorial Hospital. They are Cassie Sheivers of Crowell, who is also an anesthetist and technician, and Mrs. E. B. King of Knox City.

Hamlin High School's Pied Pipers won their first conference basketball game from Monday by a 22 to 16 score Tuesday night.

Deposits at Hamlin's Farmers & Merchants National Bank at the close of business December 31, 1947, were \$3,665,441.01 compared with \$3,468,992.55 of a year earlier at the condition report.

Damage estimated at \$5,000 was done to the Hopper Body Shop plant in South Hamlin by a fire Monday morning. The blaze started when a spark from a welding torch set fire to some waste, completely destroyed the building and equipment.

ONE YEAR AGO.

The following news briefs are taken from The Hamlin Herald of a year ago, dated January 2, 1953:

Record oil activity is seen in the Hamlin area during the coming year, according to a review of prospects by operators and producers.

Superintendent of Schools T. E. Green of the McCauley Schools and family were shaken up considerably when their car overturned Tuesday morning near Andrews.

Rev. J. H. Sheppard of Ada, Oklahoma, has accepted the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hamlin. The church has been without a pastor since October, when Rev. Wayne Stout resigned.

John C. Bryant has purchased the C. G. Green Insurance Agency.

Merchandise valued at about \$2,100 was taken in two burglaries in Hamlin over the week-end. Waggoner Drug and McMahon Jewelry Store were victims of the latest burglaries, which were similar to those perpetrated on the Howard City Drug several months ago.

BABSON SEES LITTLE BUSINESS DIP

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stock average will be less on June 30, 1954, than on January 1, 1954.

3. Taxes will be lowered by expiring laws.

4. The price of most commodities will be lower on June 30, 1954.

5. The Eisenhower "honeymoon" is fast ending and he will have a hard time controlling Congress during the next six months.

6. Retail sales can be kept up by manufacturers and merchants spending more money on advertising, selling and developing new products.

7. The U. S. population will continue its present growth and the best prospects for sales in 1954 will be the "teen-agers."

8. Interest rates during the first six months of 1954 should average about as at present, except on the renewal of low rate loans.

9. Farm lands, except near cities, will sell for less during the first half of 1954, when farmers' profits will begin to decline.

10. The Central and Southwest will not suffer drought as in 1953.

11. There will be more fear of World War III as years go on. People will gradually move out of certain large cities. Nearby farm land will be split up. A rise in the price of such fringe farm land is certain.

12. The U. S. government will give less money to the European and other nations direct; but will help them through the United Nations.

13. There will be fewer employed next June—the total take-home pay will be less—than last June. This, however, may be a good thing for the morale of the nation.

14. The present administration will suffer much opposition to attempts to reduce tariffs if profits decline or unemployment increases.

15. The administration and the labor leaders will try to revamp the Taft-Hartley bill during 1954; but bad strikes are coming.

16. I am no weather prophet, but experts expect a warmer winter for the eastern portion of the U. S. and a colder Florida.

17. Canada will continue to boom during the first half of 1954, but this may be a good time to take profits on Canadian investments.

18. The above may also apply to Southern California and its airplane and movie industries. Both may have reached their peaks for the present.

19. Automobiles will be harder to sell and easier to buy during the first half of 1954. Both the automobile stocks and the cars will be in less demand. There will be more bargains in used cars, discounts on new cars, especially cars of the "independent" manufacturers.

20. Florida may have killing

frosts during the next few months. This will cheer up California, Arizona and Texas.

21. The Korean situation will remain about as is—as the Chinaman says, "much talkie, no shootie."

22. There will be one or two resignations from the Eisenhower "business men's cabinet," replaced by "politicians." All is not going to well. The president is not used to being pressured by lobbies.

23. The first half of 1954 should be your best time to get out of debt or at least reduce your debt. Remember that most bankers are in the business of "loaning umbrellas when the sun is shining, and calling them in when it rains." Moreover, you cannot blame them because the umbrellas really belong to the depositors, who also will want them on rainy days! Operate so you can clean up bank loans once during 1954.

24. The companies which will prosper most are those which have inaugurated effective labor saving programs. Most manufacturers are learning that they cannot beat labor through mere strikes. They are winning only as they purchase new labor saving machinery, spend more money on research and on well directed advertising.

25. There may be some further inflation in 1954; but percentage-wise to the total national output it should not help the stock market.

POOR SUBSTITUTE.

A beautiful yellow convertible sped down a country road and hit a rooster. The farmer came over and berated the driver.

"Take it easy," the driver insisted. "I can replace your rooster."

"Yeah?" queried the farmer. "Don't think the hens would like that very much."

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A. O. Pace, who farms east of Stamford, has had all his old terraces checked and is rebuilding the corrected terraces according to district standards, reports the office of the California Creek Soil Conservation District.

Glenn Rennels and Henry Hansen in the Avoca community have completed eight miles of terraces on their farm. The terraces were built with a belt machine.

J. C. Ford, who farms northeast of Lueders, has six miles of terraces completed on his farm. W. L. Boyd of the Hilsen community, west of Hamlin, has recently had a 2,369-cubic yard earthen dam completed.

Carl Damsen, who ranches 20 miles northeast of Stamford in Haskell County, is completing an earthen dam to be used for live-stock water.

Rubber stamps at The Herald.

Reuben E. Senterfitt To Run for Governor

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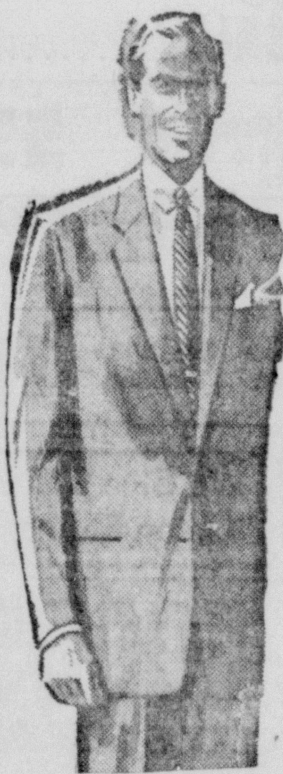
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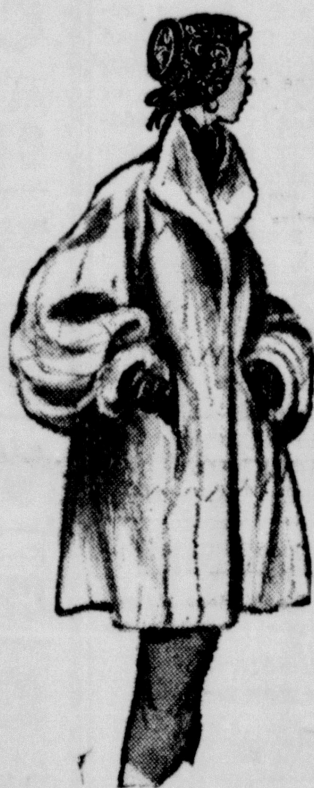
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Calvary Baptist Church Pastor and Family Given Surprise Gift Shower

Members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church surprised the pastor, Rev. J. S. Sheppard, and his family with a shower of gifts and groceries for Christmas. Included in the gifts were a set of silverware, china and crystal, a beautiful Bible, a punch set, sheets, pillow cases, shirts and a big array of groceries.

Christmas Party Enjoyed by Junior GA Unit at Baptist Church

Members of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the church from 4:00 until 6:00 o'clock. Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served following a series of games. Attendants were Kay Shelburne, Hollyn Bryson, Geneva Brinegar, Leona Brinegar, Priscilla Trotter, Brenda Joley, Bond, Rita Maynard, Gloria Gould, Brenda Gould, Mary Smith, Brenda Fincannon, Judith Kay Ford, Rebecca Ann Ferguson, Georgiana Fitzgerald, Bunny Patterson, Lillie Sue Austin, Sandra Smith, Beth Cochran, Carol Jo Simpson, Dot Albritton, Jan Richardson, Ritz DeBuske, Linda Stephens, members; and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson and Joe Simpson, counselors.

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W. L. Boyds Have Children in Home for Christmas Week-End

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd celebrated the Christmas season with open house for their children, in-laws, out-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those coming during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Whitaker of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and sons, Mike and Jay of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd of Lamesa; Wright Grand Boyd and wife and two sons, Chris and Craig, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sparkman and sons, Mike and Stephen, of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd Jr. and sons, William, Paul, David, Kenneth and Tommy, of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britton and daughters, Cecelia, Dottie and Jan, of Hamlin. Their daughter, Mary Hagelstein, and her husband and son, Jackie, could not come from Boone, Colorado.

Quantities of food and gallons of coffee were consumed during the three days and nights of celebration.

"One grandson, Douglas Johnson of Lamesa, who is in service now at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, could not come," declares Mrs. Boyd. "We had a Christmas greeting from him saying he hoped he would be here next year for the annual get together."

Mrs. Austin Poe to Speak at P-TA Meet

Mrs. Austin Poe will be the speaker when members and guests of the Hamlin Elementary Parent-Teacher Association meet in regular session next Thursday, January 7, at the Primary School cafeteria.

The meeting will begin at 3:45 p. m., according to Mrs. Fred B. Moroe Jr., president.

Topic Mrs. Poe will use for the gathering will be "Developing Civic Responsibility. Students of the third grades at Elementary School will furnish the entertainment.

WATCH DRAPE TEXTURE.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Host to Friends and Relatives for Yuletide

Mr. and Mrs. John Dean entertained friends and relatives in their home on West Lake Drive during the Christmas holidays.

Included in the guest list were their three children and their families, Buford Dean and wife and daughter, Nancy, of San Angelo; Granville Dean and wife and daughters, Mary Frances and Lynda Sue, of Fort Worth; Mrs. Thelma Ester and husband and two children, Phyllis Sue and Johnnie Bob, of Dallas; Mrs. Dean's three sisters, Mrs. Lydia Haynes of Anson, Mrs. Lera Stripling and husband of Sweetwater and Mrs. Jesse Harrison of Los Angeles, California; a niece, Mrs. Hardy Tollar, and husband and daughter, Corinne, of Sweetwater; and a nephew and son, Morris Haynes of Haskell.

Also visiting in the Dean home were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Davis and wife and two children of Boulder, Colorado.

Dinner was served on Sunday to 20 guests. The table was laid with new silver given to the hosts by their children. Turkey and all the trimmings were featured. Flash pictures were taken of the group by Granville Dean of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Lala Harbert had as her guests during the Christmas holidays her children: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harbert and sons, Guy and Tommy, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins and sons, Jimmie and Gerald, of Sundown; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Carter and son, Bob, of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harbert and Johnnie of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hughey and Gary of Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Don Gregory of Hamlin.

Proper Food Needs Vital to Health of Child Says Officer

In speaking about the food requirements of a child enjoying maximum health, Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, emphasized the importance of a well-rounded diet and stated that a healthy and well nourished child enjoys life because he is physically fit.

(Since mailing the release to The Herald, Dr. Cox has resigned his position as state health officer after more than 20 years in the office).

Stressing the importance to health of an adequate and well balanced diet, Dr. Cox stated further that when a child is in good health, his appetite is good, elimination regular and sleep is sound and untroubled.

A child's appearance can usually help parents to judge the state of his nutrition. A well nourished child has good skin color and there is a moderate padding of fat over the bones and muscles of the arms, legs and body. Muscles are well developed and strong. Teeth are good and the gums firm and pink," Dr. Cox said.

That finicky appetite or a tired feeling after a little exertion indicates a possible malnutrition and the child should see the family physician. Poor appetite can also mean the beginning of an illness and possibly that the child does not require as much food as he is being urged to eat.

Required as a diet for the preschool child and those of school age, Dr. Cox included milk, fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish or cheese, cereal and bread and added that cod liver oil and other vitamin preparations are important in winter and early spring but should be prescribed by the family physician.

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Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Townsend during the Christmas holidays included Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carnes and children of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend and children of Denver City and Mr. and Mrs. G. Townsend of Lubbock.

FOR TASTY MUFFINS.

There's usually lots of candied orange peel in the house around holiday time. If any is left over, add a half cup of it (finely chopped) to a standard muffin recipe. Just stir the peel in when you are combining the liquid and dry ingredients, remembering never to overbeat muffins!

Almeta Niedeecken was a visitor at Duncan, Oklahoma, over the week-end.

Whiskey will not age in a glass container.

PLAN BED-MAKING.

Want to save time and steps when you are making a bed? Start at one side and arrange the sheets, blankets and even coverlet in place; then go on to the next side, and so on. This will eliminate walking all around the bed several times.

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Announcements for Political Office

The Hamlin Herald is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the Democratic primary election on Saturday, July 24, 1954:

FISHER COUNTY:
For Commissioner, Precinct 2:
JERRY CROWLEY

Jerry Crowley Seeks Commissioner Again

First political announcement to come to The Herald this year is one from Jerry Crowley of McCaulley, who is seeking reelection as commissioner of Precinct No. 2 (northeast precinct) of Fisher County. His statement follows:

I am announcing for reelection for commissioner of Precinct 2 in Fisher County. I want to thank each and every one for the courtesy and cooperation shown me during the time I have served as your commissioner.

I will appreciate your continued support, and I solicit your vote in the coming election.—Jerry Crowley.

Produce Man Says Fast Movement of Stock Necessary

Life of the fresh fruit and vegetable man is one that demands alertness and constant moving of his stocks, declared H. W. McBee, manager of the Abilene plant of Ben E. Keith Produce Company, when he spoke at the Wednesday noon luncheon of the Hamlin Rotary Club at the oil mill guest house.

"Life of 90 per cent of our produce is only about seven days," McBee said, "so you can see that we must be 'on the ball' to keep the stuff moving to the retailer." He then discussed various phases of the produce business, giving interesting sidelights about fresh fruits and vegetables that made good listening.

One of the big costs of produce handling which the average person does not realize is the cooperation of boxing and other labor-consuming operations in handling of the products, he declared.

Government regulations are a great protection to the produce handlers and eventual consumers, McBee said, because they set up certain standards of quality that must be met by products sold on the markets. Apples, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, etc. must meet rigid tests of size, color, texture, etc. before they can be offered for sale.

Besides the speaker, other guests at the Wednesday luncheon were Dean Atkinson and Zolile Steakley of Sweetwater, and Jackie Drummond, Junior Rotarian for December.

GOOD FOR THE MIND.

"I wonder why Mrs. Jones always brings her knitting to our meetings?"

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Watch Night Slated Thursday Evening at Methodist Church

Watch night activities are planned for young people of the community at the First Methodist Church, to begin at 7:00 o'clock Thursday evening, December 31. Games will be played by the group, and films shown during the early part of the evening. At 11:30 o'clock a service of worship and holy communion will be held in the sanctuary of the church. The service is planned for adults as well as young people, Rev. S. Duane Bruce, pastor, declares.

Such a service will be held in all Methodist Churches around the world. This will be the first activity of a spiritual life mission to be held in every church of the Northwest Texas Conference, of which the local church is a member.

"An invitation is extended to people of the community to share in this activity December 31," Bruce declares.

Sudan Seed to Be Harvested by FFA Boys from Plat

Between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds of sudan seed are expected to be harvested by the vocational agriculture department of Hamlin High School from the seven-acre patch of demonstration planting of the sudan on the recently acquired property in Southwest Hamlin adjoining the football field, it was reported this week by Harold Eades and T. C. Blankenship, VA instructors.

Two additional acres in the demonstration plat were devoted to other grasses, but weather conditions were not favorable for good production, Eades said.

The demonstration plantings of this year by the Future Farmers of America boys at the high school are the first conducted by the group. The plat of ground was purchased last year from Mrs. R. D. (Dick) Moore by the school district for future expansion of the school plant, but is being used temporarily for demonstration purposes.

BOLSTERED HIS NERVE.

He was sitting at the bar with a glass of gingerale in front of him.

"Why ain't you drinkin', Gene?" the bartender asked.

"Never drink when I'm drivin', Pete," Gene answered. "And then as an after-thought he added significantly, 'only when my wife's drivin'!"

Funeral Rites for Mrs. B. C. May Conducted Tuesday

Final rites for Mrs. B. C. May, 70-year-old wife of a railroad worker at Hamlin, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Hamlin Church of Christ. Minister E. M. Borden of the church officiated.

Mrs. May died Monday evening at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Her death was unexpected.

Mrs. May was born May 28, 1883, and was married to B. C. May on June 21, 1909, at O'Brien. The couple had lived in Roby for many years, and moved to Hamlin in March, 1944.

Interment was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of Barrow Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Addie Ruth Wilgus of Lubbock; five sisters, Mrs. Bell Grove of Fort Worth, Mrs. Millie Mitchell of Lubbock, Mrs. Mae Maddock of Boswell, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Rose Stine of Amherst; two brothers, John B. Shirley of Bell Flower, California, and Ed Shirley of San Antonio.

Cows have four stomachs.

OLD-FOGIE ALREADY.

A group of few-year-olds were discussing possible amusements for a rainy afternoon. Someone suggested that they turn on television.

From across the room Jean, my seven-year-old niece, pouted, petulantly and said: "I've been watching television all my life. Why don't they get something new?"

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cotten spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Charles, and family at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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HAD HIS OWN IDEAS.

The beautiful actress was visiting a military hospital. "Did you kill a Communist?" she asked the occupant of the first bed.

"Yes, lady," he said. "Which hand did you use?" "My right."

The actress took his right hand and kissed it.

The turn of the man in the next bed came.

"Killed hundreds of 'em," he said.

"And which hand did you kill them with?"

He leaned forward eagerly. "I bit 'em to death!"

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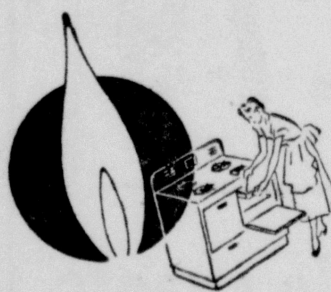
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WORD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses, words of sympathy, food and beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our dear wife, mother and sister. May God's richest blessings abide with each of you is our prayer.—B. C. May and family and the Shirley family. 1c

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Given under my hand and my seal of office at Austin, Texas, the date first above written. Garland A. Smith, Chairman of the Board. 9-3c



The Herald's Page of Sports



Abilene and Munday Boxers Come to Town Monday Night

Hamlin to Meet Stamford in First Round of Tourney

Hamlin and Stamford High School basketball teams will meet in first round play Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the eight-team basketball tournament being staged at Stamford High School gymnasium.

First play of the tourney will begin at 5:30 Friday afternoon when Ballinger and Roscoe tangle for the curtain raiser. Other first round games pit Breckenridge against Throckmorton at 6:45 and Winters against O'Brien at 9:15. Semi-finals will be played Saturday afternoon, with the finals slated at 8:40 Saturday night. The finals will be preceded by the consolation finals at 6:00 and the third place battle at 7:20.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner, runner-up, third place winner and consolation champion and gold basketballs will be given to the 10 players voted to the all-tournament team.

Three Boys Prove to Be Best Guinea Catchers

Three alert boys of the Hamlin community were the best "guinea grabbers" in the pre-Christmas scramble for the fowls as they were released from the city water tower as part of the merchants' Christmas celebration in Hamlin. A guinea, with a dollar bill attached to his leg, was released last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from the tower, and the person who recovered the fowl was given a dressed turkey by the Chamber of Commerce.

Boys catching the guineas were Billy Frank Hall, Billy Hallmark and Durwood Boyd.

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Houston Show Offers Scholarship for Youth

Interest in the annual Houston Fat Stock Show has expanded to the Hamlin area, and numbers of people of the territory will be attendants this year.

For the second year the Marshall Foundation will offer a \$5,000 scholarship to an outstanding boy or girl exhibitor at the show, to attend the University of Houston.

Pied Pipers Drop Double Cage Bill To Haskell Teams

Hamlin High School's basketballers lost a double cage bill to the cagers from Haskell Tuesday night at the Junior High School gymnasium, although it took extra minutes to decide the final count of the B squad tilt.

Regular Piper squad dropped a 47 to 39 decision to the fast Indians in the main encounter of the evening. Broden Worsham, rampaging forward for the visitors, sank 19 points for high point honors of the evening. Jimmy Ray led scoring for the Pipers with 13 points, and Clark Hewitt bucketed 10 markers.

Box score of the squadmen follows:

HAMLIN (37)	FG	FT	PF	PTS
James Eddie Jay, f.	4	0	4	8
Frank Altum, f.	0	0	1	0
Tom Rowland, c.	2	1	0	5
Robert Bowen, g.	0	1	1	1
Jimmy Ray, g.	0	1	4	13
Clark Hewitt, g.	2	6	4	10
Totals	14	9	14	37

HASKELL (47)	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Borden Worsham, f.	9	1	1	19
Duncan, f.	0	0	0	0
Lynn Colson, f.	4	4	1	12
Clifton, c.	0	0	0	0
Kregor, c.	0	1	0	1
Larned, g.	0	1	1	1
Middletton, g.	2	3	4	7
Tison, f.	0	3	2	2
Pitta, g.	2	0	2	4
Totals	17	13	11	47

In the overtime B game that finally went to Haskell by a 33 to 30 score, Robert Altum of Hamlin and John Clifton tied for scoring honors with 13 points each. Billy DeBuske of Hamlin was second high man with 12 points.

Box score on the B game follows:

HAMLIN B (39)	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Robert Altum, f.	4	5	0	13
Holly Toler, f.	0	1	2	1
Billy DeBuske, c.	5	2	2	12
Joe Brown, g.	1	0	4	2
Clarence Parker, g.	1	0	0	2
Totals	11	8	8	30

HASKELL B (33)	FG	FT	PF	PTS
John Clifton, f.	5	1	3	12
Duncan, f.	1	0	0	2
Jossett, c.	2	2	4	6
Elliot, c.	2	3	0	9
Henry, f.	0	0	3	0
Starr, g.	0	3	1	3
Totals	10	9	11	33

Bouts to Feature Wiry Fisticuffs Of This Region

Munday and Abilene boxers will invade Hamlin next Monday night with boys who are capable of giving the local mittmen some lessons in boxing, reports Don McLaughlin, coach of the local fisticuffs.

The three-way bouts will get underway at the Hamlin High School gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock. The Hamlin boys have already had two feature bouts scheduled with Munday. Dudley Griggs at 74 pounds against O. C. Parker, 75 pounds features the Parker boy who beat Briggs in the finals of the Hamlin tournament last year—the only defeat Griggs has seen in two years; and Lane Fletcher is scheduled to meet Joe Aldaco of Munday. Lane has lost to Joe twice this year, the first time by decision and the second time by a technical knock-out from a cut eye; so Lane and Dudley are both going to be out for blood.

It is hoped that Abilene will bring Pee-Wee Hillburn for Kenneth Kelly. These boys have fought several times, with Kenneth getting the nod each time except the one that counted, and that was in the finals at the Abilene regional Golden Gloves tournament last year.

Matches already scheduled for the Monday night affair are: Billy Acklin of Hamlin vs. Darrell Parker of Munday; Wesley Acklin of Hamlin vs. Kenneth Parker of Munday; Dudley Griggs of Hamlin vs. O. C. Parker of Munday; Sonny Johnson of Hamlin vs. Tommy Profit of Munday; Roy Williams of Hamlin vs. Harold Skiles of Munday; and Lane Fletcher vs. Joe Aldaco of Munday.

"We do not know for sure what boys are coming from Abilene," declared McLaughlin, "but are pretty certain of boys for Billy Kelly, Kenneth Kelly, Travis Stevens and several others."

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Hamlin Memorial Hospital

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald have included: Robin Sanderlin, medical, December 22; Mrs. Lillie Whittenburg, medical, December 22; Bonnie Warner of Aspermont, medical, December 22; Ray Schubert of Longworth, medical, December 21; H. C. Tankersley of Rotan, medical, December 23; Rickey McDowell, medical, December 22; G. W. Herren of Rotan, medical, December 22; Bobby Green, medical, December 22; Mrs. A. Spencer, medical, December 23; Kenney Thompson of Sweetwater, medical, December 24; Mrs. Geneva Gilbreth, medical, December 25; C. T. Carter, medical, December 25; Gracie Carter, medical, December 25; Mrs. O. N. Underwood, ob., December 24; Susan Patterson, medical, December 25; Mrs. J. P. Potts of Roby, medical, December 25; Ronald Collins, medical, December 25; Mrs. C. T. Carter, medical, December 21; Mrs. R. L. Boiles, medical, December 26; O. C. Wigginton, medical, December 26; Jeanie Joiner, medical, December 27; Jimmy Bellah of Plainview, medical, December 27; Mrs. F. E. Holden, ob., December 27; Joey Newman of McCaulley, medical, December 26; Mrs. J. E. Brake of Aspermont, surgery, December 27.

Patients Dismissed—Mrs. Dennis Dooley of Sweetwater, December 18; Mrs. Don Gregory, December 18; Mrs. J. Q. Ghoson of Aspermont, December 17; Mrs. J. C. Early of Sylvester, December 17; Inez Wells, December 20; Billy Acklin, December 18; Mrs. Troyce Hargrove, December 18; Billie Frank Blankenship, December 19; Betty June Teague, December 18; Mrs. Brady Shadle of Aspermont, December 18; Mrs. R. B. Boiles, December 24; M. M. Medford of Aspermont, December 20; Sam Redus, December 17; Mrs. J. H. Lawlis of Sylvester, December 21; Anita Riveria of Uvalde, December 17; Fred Winstlett, December 23; Mrs. Aaron Ellison of Aspermont, December 24; Frank Martin, December 24; Wayne Scott, December 21; Mrs. L. H. McCollum of Sylvester, December 23; Mrs. Mamie Davis of Roby, December 23; Mrs. E. L. Porter of Sylvester, December 20; Danny Kendrick of Sweetwater, December 20; Gladys Ashburn of Stamford, December 21; Mrs. Roy Thompson, December 23; Sonya Hill, December 23; Joe Stewart, December 19; Mrs. L. V. Miller, December 23; J. W. Perryman, December 23; H. H. Gibson of Roby, December 23; Kay Schu-

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Rotary Club Rates Second in District For Attendance

Hamlin Rotary Club rated second place for the month of November in District 186 of Rotary International for attendance, it was revealed at last week's meeting, which came after The Herald had been printed early. Attendance was 99.36 per cent for the month.

A quintet of musicians from the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene sang Christmas carols as the entertainment feature. In the singing group were Rev. and Mrs. Mrs. W. C. Emberton, Mr. and Mrs. John Norton and Elizabeth Norton.

Several Hamlin Rotarians, it was announced, will attend the next district conference, to be held at Mineral Wells on March 7 and 8.

Gifts were presented on behalf of the club to Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares the club's food; and James Eddie Jay, club pianist. Guests at the luncheon last Thursday included Rev. Marshall Rhew of Stamford, Leroy Jennings of Abilene, Ray Light of Breckenridge, Paul Fraser of Edinburg and Harold Fletcher.

Bessie Rawls of Kountze, formerly connected with the Ferguson Theater in Hamlin, visited last week with friends here.

bert of Longworth, December 24; H. C. Tankersley of Rotan, December 26; Rickey McDowell, December 24; Mrs. Lillie Whittenburg, December 24; Mrs. C. T. Carter, December 24.

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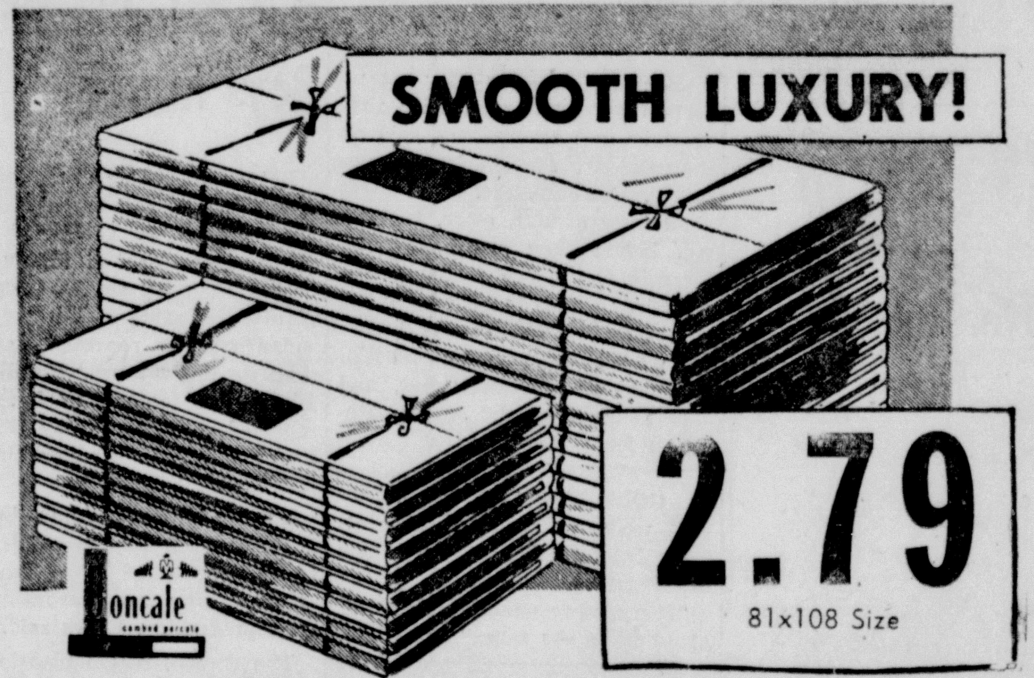
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Sonny (after a long pause)—"Daddy, what would you do?"

SINGLE ONE SOMEWHERE?
Shocked Old Lady—"And on the way here we passed about 25 people in parked cars."
Young Hostess—"Oh, I'm sure you are mistaken. It must have been an even number."

ON THE NEIGHBORS.
Husband—"What are we having for dessert tonight, dearling?"
Wife—"Sponge cake. I sponged the eggs off Mrs. Smith, the flour off Mrs. Jones and the milk off Mrs. Brown."

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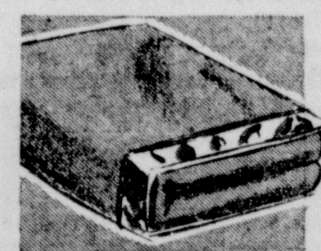


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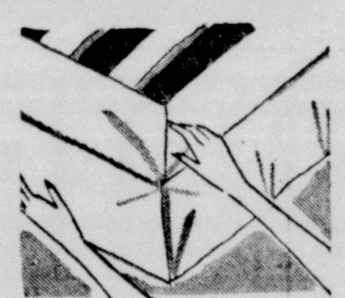
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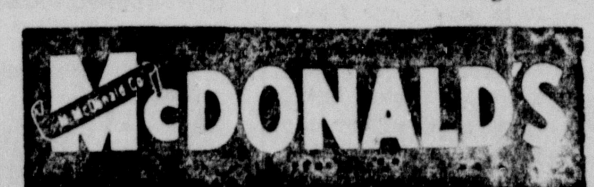
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